

# 12 FAH-7 Appendix VII

## CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL COUNTERMEASURES

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a. All guard personnel shall stay on alert for indications of chemical and/or biological attack or agent, which could include the following:

- (1) Unexplained dead or dying animals in the area;
- (2) Unusual liquid sprays or vapor or suspicious devices;
- (3) Unexplained droplets or oily film on surfaces;
- (4) Unexplained odors or low flying clouds and/or fog unrelated to weather, some of which would be similar in scent to bitter almonds, peach kernels, newly mown hay or green grass;
- (5) Large numbers of strange insects or vermin not typical for the time of day or year;
- (6) Individuals displaying symptoms of nausea, difficulty breathing, convulsions, disorientation or patterns of illness inconsistent with natural disease, unexplained blisters or rashes or sudden difficulty in seeing, especially dimness of vision while in broad daylight; and
- (7) Unexplained casualties.

b. If any of the conditions identified above are discovered the guard(s) must immediately clear the area and notify the Marine security guard (MSG) at Post One and the RSO and/or PSO and the guard supervisor.

c. The guard must not touch or in any way disturb the suspicious article or package. **DO NOT TOUCH OR MOVE** any item suspected to be a possible chemical and/or biological device. The guard(s) should stand by to prevent its being touched or disturbed by other persons. Employees working in the area should be evacuated until the cause of the danger is removed. The general rule to follow is: "Clear the immediate area and call the appropriate authorities."

d. If the guard(s) on duty receive a chemical and/or biological threat from any source, the guard must immediately contact the MSG on Post One and the RSO and/or PSO through the shift commander or the supervisor. Relay all pertinent information, including the type of chemical and/or biological agent, the location and time of the attack, if known, the description of the voice and background noise is important. This information will be reported in the post log and an incident report prepared.

e. If a chemical and/or biological threat or attack occurs, keep the area near the guard post clear of people. **REMEMBER, DURING THE CONFUSION OF THIS TYPE OF ACT, THE GUARDS MUST STILL PROVIDE SECURITY FOR EMPLOYEES OR OTHER PEOPLE IN THE AREA.**

f. The guards will not allow anyone to enter the embassy compound or other official facilities with; an open or concealed firearm, knife, explosive or any other type of weapon or container that could carry chemical and/or biological agents, in powder, liquid, or aerosolized form (i.e. aerosol cans, perfume bottles, thermos jugs, glass and/or plastic bottles, etc.), in his and/or her possession, unless authorized by the RSO and/or PSO. The guards must be especially watchful for attempted entry of firearms or explosives or chemical and/or biological agents under cover. The presence of breathing devices, air filters, nose clips, hospital masks, rubber gloves, etc., must be cause for immediate concern and requires further investigation. If such devices are detected, the guard must immediately report the situation to the MSG on duty and the RSO and/or PSO through the shift commander or the supervisor.

g. All guards shall be aware when performing grounds and/or perimeter patrols of the following:

(1) Be alert to use of any device inside or outside the building perimeter that could be used to spray a toxic cloud toward the building. This could include commercial spraying equipment, paint, insecticide or garden sprayers, air pumps, or even a crop duster-type airplane. When possible, persons conducting such spraying should be challenged and in all cases, supervisors, RSO and/or PSO immediately alerted.

(2) When patrolling public areas look for abandoned spray devices or liquid containers. If found immediately alert the supervisors, RSO and/or PSO. Particular attention must be paid to insure buildings air vents cannot be approached by anyone using such devices.

(3) Non-employees requiring access to or near building air intake vents or drinking water storage tanks must have authorization from the General Services Officer (GSO), coordinated with the RSO and/or PSO. In all cases, the local guard force (LGF) or employee personnel shall escort these non-employees.

(4) At posts with wells or accessible water storage tanks, regular patrols of those areas are required.